RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, NEUCHATEL - QUARTERLY REPORT

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OBJECTIVES
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This project is carried out in the context of the Marlboro taste improvement program.

STATUS
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Based on the taste evaluation results of the expanded tobacco of two expansion trials carried out in September 1988, an additional run of 3'000 kg was carried out in December in the FTR ETNA installation in Onnens (1, 2).

The tobacco for this trial, consisting again of 10% Burley, 78% Virginia and 12% Maryland, but of different grades, was processed (conditioned, cased and cut) on December 13, 1988, in the FTR Primary and expanded the next day in Onnens. No special problems were encountered during the running of the trials.

The analytical follow-up is under way.

REFERENCES
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